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Attachment to SGAA-5717
KAPOK # 1916

18 August 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: []

FROM : []

SUBJECT : BGFIEND Monthly Activities Report for the Period 15 July - 14 August 1953, Inclusive

1. Personnel

The BGFIEND Desk [] is composed of 15 persons. They are assigned primary duties and responsibilities as follows:

Direction, Plans and Administration	- 5
Case Officer duties	- 4
Training	- 4
Operational Support	1
Secretarial duties	- 1

2. Production

a. Positive reports	- 0
b. Dispatches	- 63
c. Cables	- 35

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3. Support functions

Provision of material to [] for P/W activities. Support is currently being given to PEP as BGFIEND is distributing clothing to refugees in border areas for PEP.

4. Operational activity

a. Operational activities implemented or acted upon

(1) Base continues in contact with Apple/2; a resupply drop was flown on the night of July 22/23. We continue to handle the team as possibly controlled,

(2) Willow Team exfiltrated on July 26 after spending 3 weeks on their mission.

(3) The two man Throttler Team was staged in Athens during the month under review and infiltrated into Albania on August 8/9.

(4) The five man Fig Team was also staged in Athens in early August

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and moved North to the Kastoria area on August 12. No word on their infiltration has been received to date.

b. CE Activities

No specific operations mounted but all interrogations concentrate on detecting CE agents.

c. Future operations in planning stage - recruitment and training program

(1) Lemon Tree Team will be trained and infiltrated if Headquarters determines if this team is to be mounted this season and personnel are forthcoming.

(2) GASH is being held for possible use in Northern Albania with other agents whose clearances have been requested. However, due to Yugoslav intransigence an overland infiltration via Jugoslavia will not be made. Other means of establishing this team are under consideration.

(3) The W/T program is progressing on schedule. As some trained operators are available and will not be assigned to operational teams we are considering using their technical skills in other ways.

(4) AIBICE is awaiting placement on a Greek merchant ship that is scheduled to call on Albanian ports.

d. Inactive operations

Willow Tree Team is presently inactive. Future infiltration depends upon results of Fig Tree.

e. Terminated operations

None

f. Conclusions

Although the project suffered a very serious loss in the early part of the season, BGFRIEND has been able to continue with its infiltration program and one of its teams has demonstrated its continued capability to operate effectively in Albania.

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1. On 24, 25 and 26 July along with [] and one of [] operations officers, visited the [] in order to inspect the interrogation facilities there, and also to solve problems that have been hampering our access to Albanian refugees coming through that area. During the trip and at later meetings in Athens an agreement of mutual satisfaction was reached with [] for the establishment of a joint interrogation center in Ioannina.
2. Participated in meetings whose purpose was to study ways and means of eliminating certain problems facing both the KYP and BGFIEND regarding Albanian operations. Present at the meeting were [] and GABED.
3. Representing [] met and discussed with JUSMAG signal officers the new Table of Equipment submitted for approval by the Special Wireless Unit of KYP. At our recommendation, JUSMAG agreed to approve the new Table of Equipment. This approval was granted on 5 August.
4. Continued liaison work at KYP with most of the old liaison contacts who are still in key positions. New officer personnel is slow in arriving. This new personnel will not be assigned to any definite positions until they undergo an orientation and training program which is to commence shortly.
5. During the period covered by this report, have worked very closely with [] Met on several occasions with GADOLomite regarding a REDCAP operation. In addition, kept in close contact with GAUZE regarding another operation.
6. Kept in close contact with GARAGEMAN and GADVENT. On 14 August had dinner with [] and GARAGEMAN, during which GARAGEMAN expressed his opinion regarding various items of great interest.
7. Carried out various projects and assignments as requested periodically by the various branches of the organization.

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